



EVENT:

"Clark on the Yellowstone", a commemorative event honors the historic, cultural and natural legacies associated with Captain William Clark's return journey along the Yellowstone River in July 1806.

DATES:

Four days of activities at Pompeys Pillar National Monument, located at Exit of Interstate 94 just 28 miles east of Billings, beginning Saturday, July 22 and continuing through Tuesday, July 25.

THEME:

Event tells the journey of William Clark and 12 members of the expedition as they explore the "the greatest of all the tributaries of the Missouri; the Yellowstone River. The Hidatsas told the members of the expedition the Yellowstone "waters one of the fairest portions of Louisiana, a country not yet hunted, and abounding in animals of the fur kind."

Event includes activities leading up to the **National Day of Honor on July 25, 2006**, the 200th anniversary of William Clark carving his signature on the sandstone pillar he named Pomp's Tower

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, JULY 21

4 pm to 10 pm

Taste of the Trail Community Kickoff in Downtown Billings

- Black Powder Shotgun Chili Cookoff
- Beer and Wine Tasting
- Ice Cream Social
- Military Jazz Band
- Rob Quist and Great Northern Band play for Street Dance

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

"CLARK ON THE YELLOWSTONE" NATIONAL SIGNATURE EVENT at Pompeys Pillar National Monument, located along the Yellowstone River, 28 miles east of downtown Billings, Montana

SATURDAY, JULY 22

10 am

Dedication of Interpretive Center

Program by Bureau of Land Management and Pompeys Pillar Historical Association

Noon

Opening Ceremonies--large stage area

- Military Band
- Presentation of Tribal Flags
- Adjutant General
- Tribal Blessing
- 21 Gun Artillery Salute
- Blackhawk Helicopter and F-16 Flyover

SUNDAY, JULY 23

2 pm to 4 pm

"Set in Stone: The Legacy of William Clark" Symposium

Moderated by Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs. Includes Clark biographers James J Holmberg, William E. Foley, Landon Y. Jones, and Jay H. Buckley

4:30 pm to 6 pm

Odyssey West Concert

Performed by Rob Quist and Jack Gladstone

MONDAY, JULY 24

Time to be determined **Symposium featuring Native American Speakers**

TUESDAY, JULY 25
10 am to 2 pm

200th Anniversary of Captain William Clark's signing his name on the Pillar
National Day of Honor Ceremonies

This National Day of Honor acknowledges the clash of cultures and conflicts that marked the opening of the West following the expedition's return and recognizes the contributions of the American Indians to the Expedition's success. Highlights include:

- Keynote Address
- Pipe Ceremony
- Crow Indian Parade
- Gift Exchange
- American Indian drumming and dancing
- Participation by representatives of all cultures

Time to be determined Closing Ceremonies--large stage area

- Dedication of Clark bust and recognition of Bud Clark
- Veteran Tribute to local soldiers who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq
- Special Ceremony to recognize all veterans present with a commemorative coin presented by Montana's Adjutant General
- Re-enactment of Capt Clark carving his name on the Pillar and river departure
- Handoff to "Reunion of Sakakawea" Signature Event
- Retirement of Colors

ONGOING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

"CLARK ON THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL SIGNATURE EVENT at Pompeys Pillar National Monument

JULY 22, 23, 24 and 25
10 am to 6 pm

Various programs and historical interpretations at the following venues:

- New Pompeys Pillar National Monument interpretive Center
- Corps II and Tent of Many Voices sponsored by National Park Service
- Living History Mall presented by the US Army Corps of Engineers
- Native American Encampments presented by Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance and Crow Indian Nation
- Exhibits sponsored by Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish Wildlife and Parks, US Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture, US Army Corps of Engineers, Circle of Tribal Advisors, National Bicentennial Council
- Ongoing interpretive presentations in several areas
- Professional re-enactors portraying Clark, Sacagawea and York
- Old-time bluegrass and folk music played by nine area bands at the music stage

Stephen Ambrose Authors Rendezvous

Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs, daughter of the late Stephen Ambrose, will co-hosts the Rendezvous Tent which features local, regional and national Lewis and Clark and Native American authors and historians to talk about, autograph and sell their books.

Discovery Expedition

The official reenactors for the waterway portion of the national Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration will include Bud Clark, great, great grandson of William Clark

Vendors

- MTTA Seven Lodges Arts and Craft Market
- Lewis and Clark Bicentennial vendors
- Local Lewis and Clark Craftsman
- Food Vendors

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